To: Royal St, Birth Data
Subject: RE: Registration of Vital Records for offspring born in Western Australia

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From: Royal St, Birth Data <BirthData@health.wa.gov.au>
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Thanks for your enquiry.

The Department of Health is only able to provide responses to your questions that relate to the business of the Department.
I have listed your questions below with responses provided that were available from the Department of Health.
I have also indicated where you will need to ask for information from the Office of the Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages (RBDM) at the Department of Justice.
If, after receiving this information from the Department of Health and any other information from the RBDM, you still wish to seek information from the CEO of St John of God Health Services you will need to email them directly regarding their policies and practices.

1. Can you please confirm where do Birth Registration Statements go when the hospital submits a registration for a newborn child?
   This is a question for the RBDM

2. Can you please confirm whether the hospital is responsible and classed as 'responsible person' for the notification of birth?
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3. For an offspring born alive does the hospital hold any record of said vital records event for first year or 2 or 5 or however long?
   For WA Health, the Patient Information Retention and Disposal Schedule provides instructions based upon the requirements of the *State Records Act 2000*. The Schedule specifies that hospital medical records must be kept for 60 years after the last entry and that forms used for statutory notification of birth must be retained for 25 years (i.e. for 7 years after the child born has turned 18 years of age). Private hospitals will have similar policies.

4. What happens with the placenta after it gets weighed?
   Depending on individual situations:
   The placenta may have all blood collected and sent for storage in a cord blood centre. Some of these processes are managed by Red Cross as a donation and others are private arrangements where the cord blood is stored at the family's expense for future use by the family.
   The placenta may be sent to pathology for macroscopic or microscopic examination or for testing for infection or other suspected conditions.
   Some parents request that they are given their placenta to take home. At discharge the placenta is provided in a sealed and labeled container, it would have been refrigerated or frozen before being provided. Information relating to safe disposal is also provided.
   Mostly placentas are sent for disposal via the health service's medical waste disposal process.

5. Does the placenta get registered at all in any registry, sub-registry, or index or any database at all whether in Australia or overseas or another territory?
   No. But for cord blood storage, records would be required to be maintained by the storage centre.

6. Does the Funeral Director report an incomplete death regarding on the placenta?
   Not sure what is being asked here. But this might be a question to the RBDM regarding the process of death certificate provision to the RBDM from doctor via the funeral director.

7. What ultimately happens with Placenta from moment its taken away to the moment it is disposed of?
   Described above, depends on circumstances and wishes.

8. How is it disposed of?
   Described above, depends on circumstances and wishes.

Don't at all mind that you suggested your enquiry be forwarded directly to General Manager of St John of God's Subiaco and/or the CEO.
I would however recommend that the RBDM is the best person to seek information from on the requirements to be met regarding that Act.
To seek information from the Registrar's Office at the Department of Justice you can forward your enquiry to the Registrar at bdm@justice.wa.gov.au

Regards
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For information about the Abortion Notification System go to: http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Abortion-Notification-System
For data submissions to the Reproductive Technology Registers go to: https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/N_R/Reproductive-Technology-Treatment-Registers

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How is it disposed of?

Yours in anticipation,
Sandi

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